

*The CASE of the Poor Widdows and Orphans of  
the City of LONDON.*

**T**Here are about fourteen hundred Orphans, whose Portions left them by their Parents, were forced into the Chamber of *London*, under pretence of Security, but have for some years been unjustly detained from them; so that many young Men who are out of their Apprenticeships, for want of their Moneys cannot set up their Trades, whereby they are lyable to take ill and Vicious Courfes; and many young Gentlewomen who have Thoufands of Pounds in the Chamber, have been forced to go to Service for a Livelihood, though by their former Breeding and Education very unfit for such Employment; and several being destitute of both Father and Mother, are fain to live upon the Charity of Friends, and divers poor Widows are disabled to relieve their Children, for want of the Supply the Chamber of *London* ought to pay them for Finding Money; so that they are ready to beg their Bread.

*Therefore they most humbly Implore your tender Compassion to Relieve them, and to search into the Causes of their great Sufferings; and though some do pretend that we were not forced to bring in our Moneys, yet it is sufficiently apparent that not one in Twenty could procure such large and unreasonable Security as they insisted on; and several they have made to acknowledge Satisfaction, and then not payd them their Moneys; and when they knew their Charter was going, and the Chamber in so low a Condition, yet have made some to bring in their Moneys. There are many other Grievances, which for brevity we omit, and do humbly rely for Relief (under God) on his most Gracious Majesty and this Honourable Assembly.*